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I am writing in support of SB 210, which requires that in-person voting on the day of an election be restored as the standard election process in Oregon. The idea that obtaining an ID or finding transportation to a local voting location is difficult or impossible for an Oregon resident is outdated and no longer valid. IDs are required in many places nowadays for simple transactions such as cashing a check, renting just about anything and even getting certain medications. In-person voting had been the standard here and still is in most States. This bill simply provides that in-person voting is the standard method, not the sole method. It does not eliminate absentee ballots or consideration of special circumstances.

As there is now an Executive order mandating presentation of IDs to vote in federal elections, passage of this bill should result in Oregon having a suitable process in place to comply with this executive order and ensure Oregonians have a voice in federal elections.